

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 3600 - HB 3754**

February 15, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Effective January 1, 2013, requires any public building subject to statewide building regulations to mark the entire length of the edge of each stair step with black and yellow, low vision, anti-slip tape at a minimum thickness of two inches. Authorizes the use of black and yellow non-slip paint on exterior steps of public buildings.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$10,500,000/One-Time  
Exceeds \$1,575,000/Recurring**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$7,000,000/One-Time\*  
Exceeds \$1,750,000/Recurring\***

**Assumptions:**

- According to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-120-203, “public building” means any building, structure, or improved area owned or leased by the state of Tennessee or its political subdivisions, and any building, structure, or improved area used primarily by the general public as a place of gathering or amusement, including, but not limited to, theaters, restaurants, hotels, factories, office buildings, stadiums, hospitals, voting areas, shopping areas, convention centers and all other public accommodations.
- Based on information provided by the Department of General Services, the average cost of tape, paint, equipment, and labor will be \$7.00 per stair step.
- The precise number of steps in and around state public buildings cannot be determined. Based on information provided by the Department of General services, the number of stair steps statewide is estimated to exceed 1,500,000.
- An increase in one-time state expenditures exceeding \$10,500,000 (1,500,000 steps x \$7.00).
- On average, 15 percent of tape and paint will have to be replaced each year. An increase in recurring state expenditures exceeding \$1,575,000 (1,500,000 steps x \$7.00 x 15 percent).
- The precise number of stair steps in local public buildings cannot be determined. The number of steps in local public buildings is estimated to exceed 1,000,000.
- An increase in one-time local expenditures exceeding \$7,000,000 (1,000,000 steps x \$7.00).

- On average, 15 percent of tape and paint will have to be replaced each year. An increase in recurring local expenditures exceeding \$1,050,000 (1,000,000 steps x \$7.00 x 15 percent).

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "G".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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